Concluded: Public Interest, Commercial Drivers Slow Roll Protest, Emerson - S1048520

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On January 17, 2022, as of 2155 ET, it was reported that the protest appeared to be over. There is a significant amount of vehicles in the south bound line up but all appear to be actually heading into the US. They are single file allowing other vehicles to pass. The BOC considers this event closed.

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Update 2–
As of 16:50 on January 17, 2022, it has been reported that the protest continues. It is difficult to estimate the number of vehicles participating as those protesting are mixed with regular traffic. There is a significant line of vehicles which is not unusual for a Monday traffic, and the line is extended further as protesters are delaying vehicles in separate groups, resulting in significant gaps within the line. This makes it impossible to estimate the length of delay.

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RCMP are monitoring the situation. RCMP has indicated that organizers are thinking they will be ending around suppertime but that is unconfirmed at this point. The RCMP will continue to monitor as required.

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The protest remains peaceful and there are no direct impacts to CBSA at this point as the delays are all located on the highway.

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Update –
As of 1010 ET on January 17, 2022, it has been reported that the protest is ongoing. An estimated 50 commercial and personal vehicles are slowly driving occupying both lanes south and northbound on highway 75. The vehicles are turning north at the edge of the CBSA port of entry, and turning back south approximately a mile north of the port. The convoy is consistently moving.

Traveler and commercial delays of approximately 10-20 minutes are being experienced both south and northbound. These delays are after CBSA processing and prior to CBP processing. The RCMP has been contacted to provide them with an update of the situation. The protest remains peaceful and there are no direct impacts to CBSA. Traveler and commercial volumes are currently low, with commercial volumes anticipated to increase throughout the day.

Synopsis –
On January 17, 2022, at 0822 ET, it was reported that approximately 45 Commercial trucks were lined up on the shoulder of the 75 highway facing south at 0400 CT and began using the turn around lane just before the Emerson POE to begin heading north just before 0500 CT. Winnipeg Alternative Media was on site filming the protest and were asked to move off site with no issues. \~The goal of the protest is to demonstrate against vaccination mandates for commercial drivers.

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Impact –
There has been no impact to the operation and no complaints from travelers going south. Traffic is flowing in both directions without issue.
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CBSA Action/Next Steps –
The region has provided updates to CBSA Communications and contacted CBP to inform them of the situation.
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Source –
Derek Lafantaisie, Superintendent; Prairie Region
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This notification was provided on behalf of Commercial and Trade Branch Duty Executive Edith Laflamme.
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